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on of the last affaires in *Ireland*,  
Shewing the late overthrowes given to  
the IRISH Rebels.

Sent over in two Letters, the one from the  
Earle of *Ormond*, and the other from Sir *John*  
*Temple*, Red in the House of *Parliament*,  
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*My Lord,*

**S**ince the last Victory it pleased God to give His Majesties Forces, under the Conduct of the Earle of *Ormond* against the Rebels. We have heard little of them hereabouts, Their maine power is certainly broken, and the people so disperſed as they will not without great difficulty be drawn together again in any conſiderable body. Our men are now grown to terrible upon them as the quit for the moſt part their places of ſtrength if they doe but heare any part of our Army marching towards them; of which my Lord *Liſle* hath lately had the experience for his Lordſhip ſuddainely after his arrivall here, deſirous to put himſelfe into action, undertooke the reliefe of my Lady of *Offaly*, and ſome other Caſtles in thoſe parts. He had the chiefe Commands, and being accompanied with Sir *Charles Cooke*, ſome troopes of Horſe out of his own Regiment, and two troopes of Dragons went on upon the moſt deſperate peece of ſervice that hath yet beene undertaken; All his friends there were much againſt his Lordſhips going apprehending much hazard to his Perſon in the Journey: For indeed the Rebels were in great numbers in thoſe parts and the paſſages through the Bogges and Woods ſo difficult as it was verily believed they would have (as with great advantage they might have) made great oppoſition againſt him; But it ſeemes they durſt not adventure to make good even thoſe barricadoes and workes which they had made to impeach his paſſage over Rivers, and other heights which hee paſſed without any encounter, untill hee came to *Philips Towne* a place of very difficultieſſe, by reaſon of the Bogs on every ſide; when they came there they found the Town abandoned, but the Fort kept by the Rebels; they reſolve to aſſault it and ſo part the Dragons on ſoote;

The Rebels entertained them for 2. houres with their shot, and S. Charles Coote thinking he should do no good upon it, till the night came, when he intended to goe on with all his men and make a generall assault, our men seeing some of their fellows wounded, were impatient to attend any longer, some of them got to the Spitzholes out of which the Rebels shot and put in their Muskets to shoot at them: others having Crowes of Iron got to the Port in a little time, and so made the Rebels yeeld presently without any condition, their Captaines was taken and sent up higher, and many of them hang'd. From thence having some two Miles to my Lady of *Offaly*, which was over a narrow Causey thorough a Bog they caused their Dragon to make good the way till the Horses went and relieved the Lady of *Offaly*, whom they found in great distresse, but so well provided her, as it seems her Ladiship intends still to abide in her Castle. So they returned burning and spoyling all the Towns belonging to the Rebels in their way back, and came to termine a town of great importance within 20. miles of this Citty, which was defended by the Lords of the Pale. But their Lordships as it seemes were retired and they found some three or four hundred men in it, they presently beset the towne about the Walls, and resolved to take it by assault, but one of the gates being not very strong, a troop of Horse found first entrance there, which the Rebels perceiving ran presently out the other way and were pursued by them and many cut off. My Lord *Liffe* as it seemes, likes the service and the Country so well, as hee resolves there to abide by it, and hath sent some propositions to the Lords Justices to have a Regiment sent down to him wherewith they purpose to do great service by the blessing of God in those parts, as I hope they will, the Lords of the Pale lying in the *Navan*, (since the writing of this I heare the Lords of the Pale have quitted the *Navan* and burnt it,) which after their manner they have fortified, it is within 7. Miles of *Trim*, and there they are as it is said, with 2000. men.

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This busiſſe received a great debate the laſt night at the Boord and though ſeverall of the lords were of opinion to recall them, yet at length it was carried by pluralitie of voices, to ſend downe more forces to them, and it is reſolved lieutenant Collobell Gibſon ſhall march towards them to morrow with 1200. foot, and Capraine Sidneyes Horſe troope, and there remaine under the command of my Lord Leſſe, whom I am confident will give a very good accompt of himſelfe in that place; for I aſſure your lordſhip, he hath carried himſelfe very gallantly and very diſcreetly in this action.

There came laſt night two letters unto the Lords Juſtices from the Lord Conway at the Newry, advectiſing their Lordſhips, that he and Generall Major Monroe were marched downe thither with 3000. men and had taken in that place, and intended to goe ſinde out the Rebels, who they heard were gathered in ſome numbers about the Countie of Armagh; Sir Henry Tichbourne hath likewiſe taken in Carlingford, and daily makes great deſtruction among the roagues in all thoſe quarrers.

By letters which came lately from the Eaſle of Saint Albaines, wee underſtand that the towne of Galway ſince their defection hath made ſome attempts upon his Maieſties Forts there, as likewiſe upon one of his Maieſties ſhips that came into that Harbour, in her paſſage towards Limboſie, whether ſhe was ſent to relieve the fort there,, but without any ſucceſſe; his Lordſhip is come downe with 1500. men within 4. miles of the towne, and gives ſuch interruption to their Supplies, which they expect out of the Countrey, as in his letter he ſpeakes as if hee hoped in a very ſhort, time to draw in them upon ſubmiſſion. His Lordſhip carries himſelfe very well there, and continues to doe very good ſervice for his Maieſtie in thoſe parts.

My Lord Ranelagh hath likewiſe delivered Athoue from the ſiege, and is at libertie to walke abroad, which hee

cannot doe much, till the forces designed for Conaght arrive.

Thus your Lordship sees how it pleaseth God to bleesse us in all our undertakings here. We hope thorough your Lordships care and great zeale for the prosperitie of this service, we shall suddenly receive the long expected supplies of men, money, and munition and match, by want of which we are now in that condition here, as our men must lye still, as being altogether disabled to march out before the forces designed for this place doe arrive, we have not beene failing particularly to represent unto your lordship our most pressing necessities, and the advantages the state of England will have by a rigorous prosecution of the warre here this Summer. If we let slip this opportunite, while the Rebels want armes and Munition, remain so extremely dejected and disanimated by our late victories, and give them space to breath while winter she shall againe put this whole Kingdome to a hazzard, or at least trebble the charge it would now cost for the recoverie of it, and occasion the perishing of multitudes of our owne souldiers, the extremities they must then necessarily endure. But I shall adde no more, but that I am really

Dublin in May  
5. 1642.

Your Lordships most humble  
and most faithfull servant

I. Temple.

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My most honoured Lord,

**I**N my last I acquainted your Lordship with a designe then undertaken by my Lord Lisle, for the reliefe of the Lady Orley, which his Lordship hath prosecuted with so much judgment and good successe, that not only her Ladyship is put into a condition of subsistence, in despite of what the Rebells were or are like to be able to doe, but upon intelligence given him, he hath approved his first intentions, and taken in a Towne called Trim, from whence his Lordship sent hither a partie of Horse, desiring to be inabled to follow his good fortune, by the sending to him one troope of Horse more, and 1200. foote, which is condescended unto, and the troopes will be sent home on Saturday next, no man can observe his gallant inclinations, attended with his suitable events, with greater delight than I doe, Nor shall be more ready to serve him to Ward accomplishment of all his undertakings.

I am bould to send unto your Lordship a Copie of the Commission, by which I have beene intrusted by your Lordship with the command of their Army; which as is most fit will determine upon your arrivall, but I observe by the commission that not only my command over the army, but my place of Lievtenant Generall will then likewise be at an end whereof I thought fit to give your Lordship

notice and to send unto you a draught of a new  
Commission varying nothing in substance from the  
former, saving that where the other was to bee of  
force, no longer then during your Lordships absence,  
this which I now desire (if it may stand with your  
good pleasure) hath no such limitation, but this I  
referre to your Lordships better judgement, and  
to inlarge or qualifie this draught as you shall thinke  
fittest, and most conducing to the advancement of  
the Kings service whereunto I shall alwayes limit  
my desires, who am

Dublin the 5. of  
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Your Lordships faithfull and  
humble servant

*Ormond Officer.*

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